(b) what is the percentage of Gross National Product (GNP) which Government has planned to spent on education;

(c) what is progress made till now; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Government stands committed to the eradication of illiteracy particularly in the 15-35 age group.

(b) to (d) The Government plans to spend 6% of the GNP from the 9th Plan. During 1993-94, the total budgeted expenditure on education by education departments of both the Centre and the States/UTs amounted to Rs. 23908.91 crore (BE) which is in the range of 3.5% of GNP.

Preservation of Sanskrit Manuscripts

2929. SHRI JAGIR *SII-K7H* DARD;
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Sanskrit Manuscripts *in the country;*

(b) how many are catalogued and published;

(c) the steps taken by Government to collect and preserve the Sanscrit Manuscripts; and

(d) which are the agencies .engaged in this work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER. IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTr. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The National Archives have reported that the information is not maintained by them. However, the following Important Institutions have reported that the manuscripts available with them are as follows:—

1. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan	
(a) Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Allahabad.	15,000
(b) Kandriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Jammu.	121
2. Shri Lal Bahadur Shashtri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi.	1,698
3. Vaidic Sansodhan Mandal, Pune.	15,000
	31,819

(b) The position regarding Catalo guing and publication in the Institutions above are as follows:—

	Institution	Catalogued	Publication
(a)	Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Allabahad.	15,000	60
(b)	Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Jammu.	121	3
(c)	Vaidic Sansodhan Mandal, Pune.	6,000	—
		21,121	63

(c) and (d) National Archives of India have informed that they are operating a Scheme under which Financial Assistance is provided to Voluntary Organisations, Educational Institutions, Private Libraries, Private Museums and Universities (including deemed universities) located in all parts of the country for preservation, listing, cataloguing, evaluation, purchase & publication etc. of manuscripts.

Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan have informed that in order to collect and preserve Sanskrit Manuscripts Rupee* one lakh has been allocated under 'Plan' in the annaul budget of Alla-hadbad Vidyapeetha. Further, the Srinagar Unit of The Jammu Vidyapeetha has been established with a motive to collect Sanskrit manuscripts in Sharda script scattered in the area and to ensure their preservation by transcription in Devana-gari script and publication.

Backlog vacancies in KVS

2930. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI *J.* S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details as on elate of vacancies current as well as backlog of different categories of teaching and non teaching posts of Kendriya Vidyalayas and the Sangathan earmarked for SC/ST/PHC and Ex-Servicemen; and

(b) what steps have been taken or are being taken to fill the vacancies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA); (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Vacancies advertised by KVS

293!. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 3000 vacancies of different categories of teachers for Kendriya Vidyalayas had been advertised in April-May, 1994: and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken ta extend the 27 per cent reservation to O.B.Cs.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. Reservation for Other Backward Classes had been indicated in the advertisement issued in May, 1994.

Foreign assistance under literacy campaign

2932. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the amounts provided by the Central Government or foreign assistance or World Bank or United Nations organisations to each State under the literacy campaign during the year 1994-95;

(b) what is the quantum of amount likely to be provided to each State under the above campaign during the year 1995-96; and

(c) what part of the above amount is to be spent on opening schools or on the construction of school building?